

WHY ONLINE LEARNING FOR STUDENTS?

- Provide credit recovery and reduce drop-out rates
- Replacing/enhance home-bound instruction for students with medical issues
- Bring back students who have chosen home school instruction or out of state internet schools, increasing district PPU.
- Provide more flexible learning environments for students and staff
- Increase the number of course offerings in our school without increased staff expenditures.
- Job-embedded learning.

"... e-learning isn't about digital technologies any more than classroom teaching is about chalkboards."

Robert Blomeyer, NCREL

Our Mission:

We build meaningful relationships that enrich our members and equip them with tools for success.



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ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

Student Online is provided through the Minnesota Service Cooperative (MSC) Online Learning Project, an approved online provider with the Minnesota Department of Education.

Online Learning for Students provides challenging educational opportunities for students who need credit recovery, advanced, additional or specialized courses, and/or a flexible learning environment. The courses offered through Online Learning provide a rich, multimedia environment for student learning, along with many opportunities for individual learning. The courses require student involvement via online discussions, chats, projects and inquiry-based assignments, and include frequent contact with the teacher.

Online Learning is a part-time, non-diploma program, so students will remain enrolled in their own districts while taking online courses. Courses are flexible, “rolling enrollment” courses that can be individualized to better meet the needs of your students.

THE STUDENT ONLINE PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Training for three district staff in the Facilitating Online Learning Course*.
- Access for trained teachers and administrators to the Moodle Course Management System (CMS)
- Access to online Student courses
- Free hosting of district-sponsored, blended classroom courses and professional development and/or professional learning communities
- On-going support for district staff, teachers and administrators
- Regional program administration and coordination with the MN Department of Education
- Maintenance of the CMS, including Level 2 (program and software) and Level 3 (server) technical support

** Contact Resource Training & Solutions for additional staff training costs.*

ENROLLMENT COST:

\$1,950.00/year/member districts
\$2,250.00/year/non-member districts

Additional pricing for Student Enrollment:

- Fully-Online Courses; Taught by a teacher outside your district: \$375/student/course
- District Taught Student Enrollments: \$125/student/course
- Blended/Hybrid Courses: No Charge

BENEFITS FOR....

Schools:

- Provide greater number of specialized courses for students, including languages and AP
- Keep the student in your district
- Provide a flexible learning environment
- Provide services to home schoolers
- Reducing home bound instruction and costs
- Options for independent study, suspension and expulsion
- Monetary savings for the district

Teachers:

- More flexible class sizes
- Work in a flexible learning environment
- Opportunities for professional development

Students:

- A credit recovery alternative
- Accommodates different learning styles
- Prepare for college

TEACHER TRAINING:

To teach online courses through this program teachers must complete an Online Teacher Training Course. During this inquiry-based, hands-on course, participants will review and reflect upon examples of “best practice” in online learning. This process will take place in both face to face and online learning environments using Moodle course management tools. Participants will have one face to face training (Online Teacher Training Facilitation session), followed by a three week of online course where teachers will participate in and facilitate threaded discussions and online chats. The course will conclude with a final face to face session (Online Learning Certification session).

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